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AGITATE! EDUCATE! ORGANIZE!

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THE GREAT THING TO DO IN THIS CAMPAIGN IS WORK

On election day politicians have all eyes on the stay-at-home vote. How much of it will really stay at home, how much of it can be induced to get to the polls—all manner of things about the normal stay-at-home vote arise to bother.

But there is a stay-at-home vote that is just as important during the campaign weeks as it is on election day.

The voter who stays at home and takes no part in the fight is just as lax in his citizenship duties as is the citizen who adds to his laxness by his failure to vote.

The Non-Partisan Political Campaign of the American Federation of Labor depends upon WORK for its success.

Those who refuse to do their share of work on committees, those who care nothing for work in any one else thinks, they are not doing their duty by their fellow citizens.

There can be no non-partisan campaign—no campaign of any kind—without WORK.

If everybody works, if everybody does everything he or she can do, we shall have the greatest possible campaign effort.

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There are 40,000 local unions in the United States.

There are 900 central bodies.

Each of these ought to have committees in the field and these committees ought to be WORKING.

The result thus far has been splendid. It has been magnificent. There are hundreds of men and women giving every minute of their time. They are WORKING for human progress.

But there are others who had done nothing.

It is the duty of every member to see that the question of WORK is settled properly in his own organization.

Every enemy of Labor is on the job. Every worker and every friend of Labor ought to be more on the job.

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Great issues are at stake in this campaign struggle.

The enemies of Labor want to crush labor.

They want laws that will restrict Labor.

They want Kansas Courts of Industrial Relations. And they want more of the Esch-Cummins kind of legislation.

They want more of Judge Anderson's injunction decisions.

They want anything but freedom of Labor.

Sanctify your vote!

The issue is Progress versus Reaction.

This is no time for any man or woman of Labor to hold back. This is a time for the fullest giving of effort. This is a time for WORK.

Play your part in the campaign. Register in your voting precinct. Do everything that you would do if your personal freedom hung on the issue.

Progress is at stake—and for Progress we must give everything.

LABOR WINS BIG VICTORIES IN PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Washington, Aug. 21.—Labor already has scored enough victories at the polls to mark the great non-partisan political campaign as a complete success.

Reports of notable achievements reach non-partisan campaign headquarters daily.

Prominent in the reports are the accounts of two withdrawals from congressional races. In both of these cases congressmen unfavorable to labor withdrew from the race rather than face intense labor opposition in the present campaign.

Labor campaign managers point to the recent Ohio Republican primaries in which an unfavorable candidate for governor was defeated through the opposition of labor and a strong pro-labor candidate nominated.

The campaign committee has made public no list of congressional districts in which there have been successes, but it is announced that the list is long and is growing longer each day.

It is pointed out that Senator Gronna has been defeated; that Senators Underwood and Cummins slipped in by majorities so below normal that a moral, if not an actual, victory has been scored for labor in both cases, and that Scott Ferris, Oklahoma, has been nominated for United States senator with labor support over Senator Gore.

Labor's strength in the primaries has been shown to a surprising degree in Texas, Tennessee, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Colorado, Oklahoma, North Carolina, North Dakota, Iowa and Alabama.

In Kansas Governor Allen's candidacy in the primaries was vigorously contested by the workers, who are perfecting their non-partisan organization and are preparing to make effective their protest against peonage legislation at the November election.

Reports of organizing work continue to show a rapidly growing interest in the campaign and the demand for literature exceeds the ability to supply it.

Congressional district conferences have been held throughout the country, as well as those of state federation executive councils and from these there are coming uniformly encouraging reports.

Those in charge of campaign organization work declare that the amount of practical campaign organization work being done everywhere is beyond all expectations and exceeds that of any other effort in which American labor has indulged.

Success in the primaries has inspired the workers to enter the general elections' campaign with renewed vigor. In a large number of localities organizations for every voting precinct are being perfected to secure a 100 per cent registration that labor's full voting strength may be polled in November.

The general demand for "register" cards, issued by the national non-partisan committee, shows the workers' interest in this feature of the campaign.

PUBLIC HAS DUTIES AS WELL AS RIGHTS

Cincinnati, Aug. 21.—"Before the public has a valid claim for the full recognition of its rights on the part of labor, it must begin seriously and assumed its responsibilities and have some part in preventing the conditions of labor which are not only intolerable to labor, but which are a menace to the stability and the welfare of the nation itself," says John J. Frey, editor International Molders' Journal.

"The public," says the trade unionist, "must demand that the trade in the long hours and low wages of street car employees be defended, during it was forced to walk down town because the street car employes would no longer submit to the intolerable conditions of their employment.

"The miners have received such small wages that they could not support their families in decency. They have been prevented from organizing by hand hired strike mercenaries whose existence has been permitted by the authorities; their members and their organizers have been killed in cold blood, but the public took no adequate steps to prevent these outrageous and un-American conditions.

"But the public, which had so effectively evaded and ignored its responsibilities, clamored for legislative and administrative relief the moment the miners went on strike.

"The public, in regard to its rights, is very much like many employers who neglect certain of their rights, but overlook or waive aside the reciprocal rights of their employes.

"The foundryman who expects the molders and coremakers to work for him with the spirit of good will must have indicated a spirit of fairness and good will toward the employes, for there are no rights enjoyed by men which do not carry with them equivalent obligations and responsibilities."

MAY JAIL UNIONISTS.

Minneapolis, Aug. 21. — District Court Judge Bardwell has imposed a fine of $125 or six months in jail on President Stevens and Secretary Sinton of the striking local of the Assembly; H. D. Cramer, editor of the Minneapolis Labor Review, and Lorn Hoppin, trade union lawyer. The unionists refused to obey a recent drastic injunction that was ever issued in this section of the country. The fines are assessed for the benefit of a certain local theater proprietors and the unionists are also required to pay the costs, including $100 attorney's fees.

The injunction attempts to prohibit reference of any kind to the non-union picture house. All picketing is prohibited and the dismission of the court's order or the demands of the Motion Picture Operators' union can be discussed in the Labor Review or other publication under the order.

The unionists announce that they will not pay the fine and the incident has already augmented labor to the iniquity of the labor injunction which permits a judge to stop free speech and to act as censor of the public press.

COURT'S POWER LIMITED.

Philadelphia, Aug. 21.—In a trial involving violation of the Volstead act, Federal Judge Dickinson said he does not believe in the policy of local courts rendering decisions on the constitutionality of laws passed by congress.

"I do believe and have believed in all my professional career," said Judge Dickinson, "that constitutional questions are for appellate courts to decide."

"Even if I believed this law to be unconstitutional, or even constitutional, I would not say so, judicially, but would merely decide its applicability to the individual case, leaving it along to the appellate court for a decision on the constitutional question."

Judge Dickinson's views are contrary to those expressed by Federal Judge Thompson, who ruled that a certain section of the Lever food control act is unconstitutional.

DENOUNCE DAILY PRESS.

Pueblo, Col., Aug. 21.—Bitter denunciation of the daily press was heard because of its treatment of the street car men's strike in this city marked the convention proceedings of the state federation of labor. A strong addition to the labor daily paper, controlled by organized labor, was decided upon.

Resolutions condemning the non-union shop policy of the chamber of commerce of the United States were approved and an assessment of $1 a year for all members to establish a non-union shop was recommended by a unanimous vote.

FACTORY OR BABIES?

Blackburn, England, Aug. 21.—Medical Officer of Health Hibbert has called attention to conditions in the industrial Lancashire county boroughs, those engaged chiefly in the cotton industry have the highest birth rate." The medical man establishes his claim by a long list of comparisons and says industrial conditions in Lancashire forms are chiefly responsible for this situation.

MORE PAY FOR POLISHERS.

Cincinnati, Aug. 21.—A 25-cent rate has been established by the Metal Polishers' union in several plants in the city.

MEXICANS ORGANIZE.

Dallas, Texas, Aug. 21.—Mexican laborers in Texas are organizing and weary of exploitation and have organized.

"STOP YOUR SHOPS," EDISON IS ADVISED

Newark, N. J., Aug. 21.—Hugh V. Reilly, late editor of the Newark Ledger, advises Thomas Edison, industrial wizard, to establish labor conditions in his own factories in his vicinity before he criticises workers and gives advice to them.

Recently Mr. Edison declared that the industrial worker could be made to understand "what capital and management are doing for him in his world of work, and what this so-called unrest."

"The accounts of the address," says Labor Editor Reilly, "agree that it was delivered for the benefit of Henry Ford.

"Perhaps it was not written or dictated by him, because the thought expressed is unworthy of a great man. It bears all the characteristics of the hired publicity representation. Several months ago we had the long established practice of the West Orange plant of hiring workmen in a large field. We said at the time that almost invariably the future founder of a hyphenated-American family would get the job. There have been other instances when the Edison management has made a more direct appeal for foreign workmen in preference to the native born, as was the case during the steel strike of several years ago. At that time the strike-breaking advertisements distinctly stated that Greeks were preferred for the strikers' places.

"Edison knows perfectly orders why the industrial worker does not understand the needs of many workmen in our large industrial establishments are incapable of understanding the needs of Mr. Ford, with a same reason that the steel trust experienced in their strike last fall—the employer didn't want workmen who can understand. The fact is, the American workman understands his employer far better than the latter understands him. The workman is seeking through the channels of collective bargaining to make that understanding more exact. But in many employers (the Edison company furnishes given repeated evidences that they do not want it.

"The attitude of these companies indicats they desire the very opposite of understanding—oppression. Oppression implies subservience and hearty co-operation necessary to a better understanding.

"Mr. Edison should study the industrial conditions in his own factories before he criticises the workmen of today."

BAD HOUSING A MENACE.

New York, Aug. 21.—The housing situation has become so desperate in many sections of this state that Governor Smith has called for extraordinary session of the legislature to devise remedies.

The housing committee of the state reconstruction commission recommends the use of state credit to builders at low rates of interest, and advises enabling acts permitting cities to carry on housing operations, if necessary. Until the state constitution can be so amended as to permit extending state credits, the committee urges the appointment of state and local boards to advise communities that may desire to undertake relief. The boards will be able to handle the matter intelligently.

At hearings held by the housing committee it was brought out that the Governor Smith has called for standings among various building trades, and that the high cost of living affects the costs and "possibly the quantity of building materials."

CO-OPS. PROSPER.

East St. Louis, Ill., Aug. 21.—The report of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers' co-operative society for the six months of the year shows sales totaled $1,065,636.25. The receipts paid a 5 per cent dividend or returned savings of $2,439 to the original plan Rochdale stores that traded strictly for cash.

During the last six months the society has bought its own building, which is used for office headquarters. They have four floors and basement. The plan is to use these to expand business to two or three million dollars a month, which is predicted for the year 1921.

PAINTERS ARE UNITING.

Lafayette, Ind., Aug. 21.—The last report of the Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators shows a membership gain of 4,000 in one month, the total standing membership was 152,426, and is still growing.

Newark, N. J., Aug. 21.—Painters in this city are negotiating a new wage rate of 19 a day. The present rate is 18. New York city pays 20 and the local painters insist that present conditions here justify the increase.

WANT PRIVATE OWNED SHIPS.

London, England, Aug. 21.—The National Seamen and Firemen's union opposes nationalization of shipping by a vote of approximately 5,000 for, 16,000 against and 4,000 neutral.

The refusal of the government to raise miners' wages and cheapen coal has caused the 800,000 men of the mining industry to demand for nationalization of the mines. The increase in railroad rates has had the same effect toward transportation.

THE FRATERNAL SIDE.

Cincinnati, Aug. 21.—During the first six months of the present year fraternal societies affiliated with the North America paid $783,445.50 to its members in sick benefits.

MEXICAN LABORERS AIDED BY UNIONISTS

Phoenix, Ariz., Aug. 21.—Agitation by Arizona trade unionists has resulted in improved working conditions for 3,000 Mexicans employed in the Salt river valley cotton fields, following an investigation by a commission composed of state officials, Mexican officials and trade union representatives. Unionists assisted the organized workers by recommending that wages and working conditions of the Mexicans be improved.

The objectionable policy of the cotton growers was defended by special interests in this state, who saw in the wholesale exploitation of laborers an opportunity to crowd the cities with workers who would accept lower living standards.

Officers of the Arizona state federation of labor are now investigating the alleged frequent deportations are taking place. The Mexican workers charge that those being deported are invariably men who have taken an active part in organizing workers in the Salt river valley district.

"This condition," says the Arizona Labor Journal, "is creating an ugly spirit among the men and if not discontinued may lead to serious results.

"If the officers and members of the Arizona cotton growers' association do not get closer to their employes and treat them more like human beings than beasts of burden, they will soon find a more contented and better working force of men and the cotton field is going to be injured. Conferences and adjustments of the many grievances which have been brought to light, with a spirit of wages, will accomplish all of this and more."

WANT SCALE REVISED.

Cleveland, Aug. 21.—On the call of the president of the United States, representatives of miners and coal owners in the central competitive district are meeting in this city to adjust the wage scale which is supposed to be adjusted by the government after the strike of April and last November. That strike was enjoined by Federal Judges Anderson at the instance of Attorney General Palmer.

After the strike was called off the government took a hand in the settlement. The miners protested the award, which was for 14 per cent wage increases to so-called mine laborers. The public was not interested, however, as the price of soft coal was again resumed and no attention was paid to the fact that until recent strikes in Indiana and Illinois practically stopped production in these states. The president then called a conference of the parties in interest.

The central competitive district comprises Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania. This district is looked upon as the "bell wether sheep" of the bituminous industry in the country, and all other scales are based on the central competitive field.

GOVERNOR IS SCORED.

Longacre, W. Va., Aug. 21.—Gov. Cornwall's attack of officers of the United Mine Workers of America, the Mine Workers has proven a boomerang, and that official is behind the eight ball, according to a response to his circular to these bodies.

"We have been at this place writes to the governor;

"We have long expected such a letter from the Baldwin-Felts agency or tools, but coming from one holding such an official office—a gift from the people to be held sacred and free from partiality—blots the fair name of our state and causes us to bow our heads in shame and humiliation."

The unionists notify the governor that he cannot divide the workers, and that they are standing solidly behind their officials.

CO-OPS. BUY DRUG STORE.

Tucson, Ariz, Aug. 21.—Co-operatives in this city have bought a drug store for $15,000, and have added another link to their intended chain of stores. The co-op. movement is backed by the railroads, and now conducts a first-class grocery store in addition to the drug store. The co-ops. declare their dream for a bank, a clothing house, butcher shop and a restaurant in the future. Agitants of the co-ops. still insist "it can't be done."

PUBLIC SHORT-WEIGHTED.

Trenton, N. J., Aug. 21.—Indictance of consumer to report illegal coal merchants using false weights and measures is largely responsible for the co-operation received by the public, says the state sealer of weights and measures in his annual report. He gives special attention to profiteering in ice and fraudulent practices of which he says there is a lot of unnecessarily large containers to attract purchasers.

UPHOLDS NON-UNIONISM.

New York, Aug. 21.—Federal Judge Mayer has notified a committee of the Open Shop Building Trades that he is opposed to a receiver of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit company signing an agreement with that union.

The court uses the tricky terms of cheap wage employers to conceal his opposition to union agreements.

IRON WORKERS STRIKE.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 21.—Structural iron workers in this city and in Moline, Illinois, Davenport are on strike to raise wages to $1.25 an hour.

PEONAGE ADVOCATES CHECKED IN KANSAS

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 21.—The supreme court has been asked to set aside a decision by District Judge McCamish of Wyandotte county in which he declared unconstitutional a provision of the "anti-strike" law making liable to arrest any person who would induce others to strike.

Judge McCamish's reason was technical and held that this provision of the "anti-strike" law violates the state constitution because the provision is not clearly expressed in the title of the peonage act.

The court said that the legality of the "anti-strike" law as a whole was not before it, but the court indicated its sympathy with the act by this statement:

"There is not and cannot be any doubt that the state of Kansas, through its legislature, had the right and power to deal with and settle industrial disputes and that its power is ample to accomplish the object and purpose sought to be accomplished by the enactment of the law known as the industrial court.

"The only thing for serious consideration by the court is as to whether in the effort made by the legislature it has kept within constitutional bounds."

Regardless of Judge McCamish's reasoning, the fact remains that if the decision is upheld it will be a hard knock at the state industrial court, which will be checked in its attempt to silence strike agitation in this state.

BATTLING FOR RIGHT.

Tampa, Fla., Aug. 21.—More than 12,000 cigar makers in this city are entering the fourteenth week of their strike against the non-union shop and the manufacturers who are associated with this institution. The manufacturers' association now includes sixteen business men's associations, and these are lined up solidly and have declared that they are on the right to bargain collectively only with representatives of their own choosing.

The trade union movement is backing the cigarmakers in the appeal of the Cigar Makers' International union to the American Federation of Labor for financial aid to this army of men and women who have been battling for the right to organize. The American makers have monopolized the cigar industry in the United States. More than 100 small cigar manufacturers are at their mercy; they control the big daily and weekly newspapers and other business, and are now attempting to control the lives of their employes by establishing non-unionism and setting hours, wages and working conditions.

JUDGE USURPS POWER.

Seattle, Aug. 21.—In denying an injunction to employing bakers, who charged striking employes with intimidation, Superior Court Judge Hall let it be understood that he would grant the injunction if the claim was supported by facts.

If no strike existed, and a citizen asked the court for an injunction against a strike, on the charge of assault and intimidation, Judge Hall said that he would not consider that he could receive no relief in an equity court, but must go to the criminal courts and swear out a warrant for violation of the police statutes.

But where workers are on strike the injunction is looked upon as discriminating by men who would not dream of its use in other cases.

WANT APPOINTIVE JUDGES.

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 21. — The lawyers' union, known as the American bar association, believes that judges should be appointive. The lawyers are holding their annual convention in this city and in the annual report of the association it is stated that "an appointive judiciary, with preliminary endorsement of candidates by the bar is the ideal means to secure a uniformly efficient bench."

The report indicates that this plan is opposed to the election by the people.

The lawyers, of course, will continue their opposition to "class" legislation in all forms of control of any department of the government, but the drift of sentiment

GET 44-HOUR WEEK.

Savannah, Ga., Aug. 21.— A 44-hour week is one feature in the agreement between metal trades workers and contractors now in force here. Wages are advanced 10 cents an hour, or to an hourly minimum of 70 cents, and time and a half is covered by the agreement will be paid 10 cents an hour to start with, and an additional 5 cents an hour every six months until the completion of construction.

AID NON-UNION SHOP.

Fort Smith, Ark., Aug. 21.—In the fight against the open shop law does the Business Men's club states that some of the receipts were used for the non-union shop campaign. These low wage advocates—

"Mr. Business Man, are you contributing your funds to fight the unions? If not, how can you make it possible for you to be in business?"

OPPOSE ALLEN LAW.

Coffeyville, Kas., Aug. 21.—By a unanimous vote the central labor union has condemned the Allen's "anti-strike" law and recommended that all affiliates have no dealings with the state industrial court.

ALLEN'S "VICTORY" IS PUBLICITY STUFF

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 21.—When all the elements connected with the recent primaries are considered, Governor Allen's widely-heralded "victory" is not supported by facts.

There were several candidates against Governor Allen, and the showing these candidates made, and the fact that Governor Allen, voted the Kansas trade unionists to be bolshevists.

A few weeks before the primaries the trade unionists and farmers joined hands in a non-partisan movement to defeat Allen. The no-partyites entered the campaign poorly equipped to cope with the powerful political machine behind the governor, but opponents had but the skeleton of an organization, were without funds and political experience in discipline that comes with unity of purpose. One effective element was the general neglect of citizens to awaken to the importance of primary elections.

If these conditions are ignored, Governor Allen won a victory. But these conditions did exist, and the unionists and farmers declare that they will be changed. Throughout the state they are perfecting their non-partisan organizations, strengthening their lines, agitating and distributing literature. Between now and October 1 a campaign of self-imposed discipline will be developed when the vote as accounted Governor Allen's name will surely be among the "also ran" list.

The trade unionists and farmers insist that Allen can be defeated; that the record in this state is anti-Allen, and that they will crystalize this sentiment and end the political career of the Kansas peonage executive.

MR. WOOD PREDICTS.

Lawrence, Mass., Aug. 21.—William M. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, predicts a drop in the price of men's clothing. He wants it understood that he means no reduction in wages. The mill concern manufactures cloth and the price of this commodity will not be reduced, he says, until manufacturing mills have been closed because of a lack of orders, or can not say when they will be opened.

There was nothing in the interview to indicate that the mills here are not producing enough, and that is the cause for high prices. Now he discusses the tailor. The dealer, of course, will blame the manufacturer.

New York, Aug. 21.—The New York World makes this editorial comment on the statement by President Wood of the American Woolen company that the price of clothing will be reduced but that the price of cloth will not be reduced:

Public-headed consumers have supposed that the price of clothing went up because the price of cloth did. If they are not now convinced of their delusion it is not the fault of the president of the wool trust."

WANT SURPLUS OF PAINTERS.

Los Angeles, Aug. 21.—Organized painters in this city are appealing to the non-union men to co-operate in the advertising campaign of the Master Painters' association to flood the market with painters for the coming. "Local painters say the employers are using the slack time to train men, that they announced that their association was intended to "check up on the activities of mechanics," and "establish ways to assist union men." Employers of painters to open their shops by furnishing non-union labor.

It was also stated that customers should "pay for your time by adding 10 per cent to every union man's wages" and "establish ways to assist union men." Employers of painters to open their shops by furnishing non-union labor.

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 21.—Frederick M. Dunbe, candidate for county commissioner in the recent primaries, is the husband of one of the supposedly influential newspapers in this city, but his election with a recent raid of the offices of the Machinists union, prides of the Machinists union, prides of which were forgotten by the machinists, in a list of four candidates, the first three of whom nearly 60,000 votes equally between them. Dube received 12,987 votes.

AUTOS ARE MURDEROUS.

Atlantic City, N. J., Aug. 21.—A person is killed by an automobile every 30 minutes, according to a statement issued today by the national safety council, in session here. It is stated that three times as many persons are killed in auto accidents as in all the factories, mines and railroads.

TO CO-OP. WHOLESALE.

Pittsburg, Kas., Aug. 21. — Wholesale co-operative stores will be started by the organized coal miners of Kansas and local co-operative societies.

STATE UNIONS TO MEET.

Flint, Mich., Aug. 21.—The thirty-first annual convention of the Michigan state federation of labor will be held in this city, starting Tuesday, September 21.

Only "Slovenly-Minded" Evade Political Duties

Manchester, England, Aug. 21.—"There is a world of difference," says the Cotton Factory Times, "between a healthy and honest discussion of the present-day political trickery and the mischievous practice which exists in itself as an evil and something that we as trade unionists, should not tamper with.

"It is too often said by those who should know better that they are above politics. The truth of it is are above politics, unless we are slovenly-minded or too selfish to care what happens to our fellow beings.

"If a representative in the house of commons was a labor man there would still exist the greatest need for trade unionism, and if every worker was a trade unionist there would still exist the need for labor to be adequately represented in parliament. In the number of topics that lead to, from and around industrial problems there is room for every intelligent thinker feels the need of fixed principles to lean upon and to revert to in difficulties."

Railroads Now Favor Economy After Rates Have Been Raised

New York, Aug. 21.—Since railroad rates have been increased rail managers and financial oracles have changed their tune.

Before the advance the public was told that the higher rates were necessary to save the roads from the junk pile. In a public statement President Gompers declared that the solution was not in increased rates, but rather in a return to the practice of railroading. The oracles and wise men laughed at the trade unionists.

Rates have increased and now the public is told that the railroads will be able to make extensive repairs and that every attention will be paid to rebuilding worn cars and locomotives and to speeding up the movement of freight from a mile a day to a mile a minute.

Suggestion is not to be misused, it is stated, because of foreign competition which increases prices.

The public is invited to be patient if service is not forthcoming as a result of a billion and a half rate raise.

In short, the railroads will return to "the genius of railroading."

WILL DEFEAT ALLEN.

Wichita, Kan., Aug. 21.—The candidate for the republican primaries that trade unionists and farmers voted for against Gov. Allen received 60,000 votes. Allen's friends predicted that but 10,000 votes would be recorded.

The Plain Dealer, published in this city, declares that the big opposition vote and the increase in the organization activity of the workers mean the defeat of the Governor next November.

"The papers of the state," says the Plain Dealer, "have found it convenient not to report the result of the primary, as they have done in recent years, in order to keep from the public the full knowledge of the challenge received by the administration.

"It goes without saying that the labor and farmer candidates would have established themselves as a political force to be reckoned with, and the proper and concerted action in November will finish the job started in the primaries and place in the governor's chair a man now in more acute than it was at the close of the war, when virtually all building had been halted for years."

ACTORS MAKE GAINS.

New York, Aug. 21.—The Actors' Equity association has signed a new contract from the Touring Managers' association which assures the actors a minimum salary for those traveling in theaters in this city. The contract, which is the first ever signed, is composed mainly of producers who send one-night attractions on the road. The new agreement also includes some of America's leading stage stars and is affiliated with the A. F. of L.

MACHINISTS TO MEET.

Rochester, N. Y., Aug. 21.—The annual convention of the International Association of Machinists will be held in this city starting September 20.

TWO PLATOON WINS.

Fresno, Calif., Aug. 21.—At a municipal election here firemen won the two-platoon system and policemen the eight-hour day by a vote of six to one.

WIN IN NEW FIELDS.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 21.—For the first time in its history Steam Engineers' union No. 5 has signed contracts with all grade elevators in this city.

SUCCESS ALL ALONG LINE.

Washington, Aug. 21.—It would be necessary for the A. F. of L. national non-partisan political campaign committee to publish a daily newspaper if full publicity of labor's success at the recent primaries were recorded.

In a letter to the national committee, John J. Quinlan, chairman of the non-partisan committee of the Toledo central labor union, reports that at the primaries in that city victory was scored for true Americanism and progress, and that a delegation, pledged to remedial legislation, will be sent to the state legislature, and the re-election of Congressman Sherwood is expected.

"We have made a clean sweep," writes the Toledo trade unionist, "and not only defeat that we anticipated through our net, for we are not going to lose sight of the fact that a city of this size elected attorney general and United States senator.

No publicity was given our efforts by the daily press, but results speak for themselves. We spent about $600 to get the information to our people.

Reports to the national committee at A. F. of L. headquarters show that in the primary election in the fifth congressional district of Oklahoma the trade unionists nominated 26 out of 36 nominees on the democratic ticket and 14 out of 22 on the republican ticket. In his letter to the national committee the chairman of the Oklahoma non-partisan committee expressed regret "that we can't put the whole bundle over." He declared that the "state will be cleaned in November."

GAINS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Fredericton, New Brunswick, Canada, Aug. 21.—Officers of the New Brunswick federation of labor reported at the annual convention that they succeeded in amending the workmen's compensation act, as ordered by the last convention, despite opposition from the Manufacturers' association. The amended law provides for full medical, hospital and nursing attendance from date of accident, increases the amount allowed for funeral expenses to $100, and increases compensation for permanent partial disability.

The federation officials also reported that the ministers of public works had agreed that the words "union or prevailing wages" shall hereafter be included in all government contracts.

BOSSES ADMIT MISTAKE.

Hoquiam, Wash., Aug. 21.—Organized timber workers employed by the National Lumber company declared an attempt to establish the eight-hour day to 10 hours. Some members of the company's union, known as the loyal legion of loggers and lumbermen, joined the strike, and when the strike ended, its saved the eight-hour day loyal legion officials condemned the company. Then the company admitted its "mistake."

URGING SAFETY FIRST.

Olympia, Wash., Aug. 21.—The Washington state safety board is actively engaged in reducing the accidents in the building industry in this state, which totaled, last year, 288 non-fatal and 32 fatal accidents.

In a circular to the various affiliated locals headed by Harry A. Flynn, of the state board, announces the passage of general safety standards and urges all workers and employers to become acquainted with the law.

MOLDERS BREAK LINES.

Edmonton, Alberta, Aug. 21.—Striking molders violated union opposition to their demand for wage increases by signing an agreement with the Coutts Machinery company. Wages are advanced to 72½ cents an hour.

BRICKLAYERS STRIKE.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Aug. 21.—Bricklayers employed by the Insurance Construction company have suspended work to enforce a grant of $1.25 an hour. Former rates were $1.12.

SERFDOM IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston, W. Va., Aug. 21.—The industrial conference, called by private armies, which coal owners have established in this state is indicated by agreements the operators have organized and defenseless miners to sign.

The organized coal miners call these agreements "yellow dog contracts." They provide that the miner shall not join a union while in the employ of the mine owner, shall not knowingly work in or about any mine where a member of such organization is employed.

In that portion of the agreement which prohibits the use of the company house in which the miner lives, the miner agrees that he will not permit trade unionism or suspicious person to come upon the said premises," and that the company "shall at all times have the right to enter upon the said premises for the purpose of ejecting all such persons."

It is further agreed that the company's armed thugs may also resort to legal proceedings of any kind whatsoever, enter upon the said premises, and into such house and take possession," and "may use such force as may be necessary to evict said party of the second part."

It is under this contract that miners and their families are being evicted because the miners joined the union.

LABOR HONORS GORGAS.

Washington, Aug. 21.—An American flag at half mast marked the funeral of the late, Major General Gorgas, testified to organized labor's high regard for the former surgeon general of the United States army. The army official recently died in London while on government mission to that country and his remains were interred in Arlington cemetery, near Washington, with full military honors.

General Gorgas often attracted wide attention for his statements regarding the effect of low wages on the workers' health. He applied the theory of a living wage and good working conditions on the Panama canal zone.

WANT COMPENSATION BILL.

Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 21.—The annual convention of the North Carolina federation of labor instructed the legislative committee to prepare a new compensation bill. The present law has a "contributory negligence" clause, which permit employers to claim many cases to the courts.

There were more than 100 delegates present and the convention was declared to be the most successful in the history of the North Carolina movement. President Mosby and Secretary Worley were reelected, and High Point was chosen as the next convention city.

NON-PARTISANSHIP WINS.

Toledo, Ohio, Aug. 21.—"Results of the Ohio primary election at this time indicate that the non-partisan political campaign advocated by the A. F. of L. proved a potent factor in defeating known enemies of labor," says Editor Keating of the Toledo Union Journal.

"Unofficial reports from all municipal centers of the state show that in almost every instance where labor waged an aggressive campaign to elect candidates friendly to labor and Governor Davis, the candidates were defeated."

MANY ADULT ILLITERATES.

Albany, Aug. 21.—The state department of education, in analyzing the returns of the 1920 federal census, has discovered that 282,939 residents of this state, between 21 and 45 years of age, are the population of more than 10,000,000, are classed illiterate or cannot speak English.

STREET CAR MEN GAIN.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Aug. 21.—Street car men have raised wages 10 per cent, through a conciliation board. The award goes back to May 1 and back pay aggregates $35,000.